

# CONSUMER PROTECTION



WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE,  
TRADE AND  
CONSUMER  
PROTECTION

## REGIONAL OFFICES

### Southeast

10930 W. Potter Road, Suite C  
Milwaukee, WI 53226-3450  
414-266-1231

### Northeast

Suite 146-A  
200 N. Jefferson Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301-5198  
920-448-5110

### Northwest

3610 Oakwood Hills Parkway  
Eau Claire, WI 54701-7754  
715-839-3848

### Southeast

2811 Agriculture Drive  
Madison, WI 53708-8911  
608-224-4960

# News

May 2002 Edition

Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In April, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **eight (8) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 8 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Intercon Merchandising Source is recalling Mini Beach Chairs given with "Time-Out" Cosmetics at Sears. #02-130
- ❖ Federated Merchandising Group is recalling Girl's Capri Pant and Shirt Set. #02-131
- ❖ Fisher-Price is recalling Infant Swings for Repair. #02-136
- ❖ Hallmark is recalling Harry Potter Key Chains. #02-141
- ❖ Estes Industries is recalling Air Powered Rockets. #02-142
- ❖ Brunswick Corp is expanding it's recall of Mongoose & Roadmaster Mountain Bicycles. #02-143
- ❖ InSTEP LLC is recalling Trailer Bikes. #02-148
- ❖ Vermont Precision Woodworks is recalling Cribs. 02-149

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

**Release Number:** 02-130 Intercon Merchandising Source Inc., of City of Industry, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 100,000 Time Out folding mini beach chairs which can be used by both children and adults. The recalled mini beach chair was a free gift with the purchase of a Time Out cosmetic product at Sears stores. The mini beach chairs are white aluminum with a blue canvas seat and back. The name "Time Out" is printed on the canvas backrest. Sears stores nationwide distributed the mini beach chairs with the purchase of \$20 worth Time Out cosmetics from June 2000 through August 2000.

**Problem:** The chairs can collapse, posing crush and amputation hazards to consumer's fingers and toes.

**What to do:** Consumer should stop using these mini beach chairs immediately and contact Intercon for a free repair. Consumers can contact Intercon at (800) 634-0469 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. PST Monday through Friday.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02130.html>

**Release Number:** 02-131 Federated Merchandising Group, of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 1,000 Greendog® girl's capri pant and shirt sets. The recalled two-piece set includes a yellow or white, ruffled top with flowers embroidered along the bottom and denim capri pants with buttons on the bottom. The capri sets were sold in sizes 12, 18 and 24 months. The Greendog® capri sets have the style

number 8088. The style numbers are printed on the hang tag. Macy's, Burdines, The Bon Marche, Rich's, Lazarus and Goldsmith's sold the capri sets nationwide between January 2002 and February 2002 for about \$26.

**Problem:** The buttons in the center of the embroidered flowers on the shirt can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these sets immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a refund or store credit. For additional information, consumers can contact Federated Merchandising Group toll-free at (877) 874-2812 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at [www.fds.com/cpsc](http://www.fds.com/cpsc)



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02131.html>

**Release Number:** 02-136 Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y., is recalling about 42,000 Smart Response Swings for in-home inspection and repair. The Smart Response Swing is an indoor infant swing for use from birth until baby can sit up unassisted. The swing operates in response to a sound sensor and plays music. The metal legs of the swing are either blue or beige, and the seat is either beige or white. The Fisher-Price logo appears on the seat's tray. Product numbers 79644, 79645 or 79647 are molded onto the back of the seat. Discount department and juvenile product stores nationwide sold these swings from December 2001 through March 2002 for about \$70.

**Problem:** It is possible to misassemble the seats of these swings so that they appear secure, but are not. If the seat of the swing is not properly attached, the seat and baby can flip forward.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using swings immediately and call Fisher-Price for help in inspecting the seat to make sure the seat is properly attached. If the seat is not properly attached, a free replacement seat and revised instructions will be provided. For more info, call Fisher-Price at (800) 942-5912 anytime, or visit the firm's web site at [www.fisher-price.com](http://www.fisher-price.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02136.html>

**Release Number:** 02-141 Hallmark Cards Inc., of Kansas City, Mo., is voluntarily recalling about 7,000 Harry Potter key chains. The Harry Potter Magic Potion Bottle key chain is made of styrene and has a "potion bottle" filled with purple-colored mineral oil and red-colored water. The 3-inch tall key chain has a green base and a gold top, and has the letters "HP" printed on the bottle. Hallmark, Hallmark Card, Wal-Mart, grocery, drug, and gift stores nationwide sold the key chains from October 2001 through November 2001 for about \$5.

**Problem:** The key chains can leak petroleum distillates, which can pose an ingestion hazard to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the key chains away from children immediately and contact Hallmark at (800) 425-5627 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday for a full refund. For more information, consumers can log on to the company's website at [www.hallmark.com](http://www.hallmark.com).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02141.html>

**Release Number:** 02-142 Estes Industries, of Penrose, Colo., is voluntarily recalling about 140,000 Air Powered Rockets. The blue, yellow and black GL-X200™ Estes Air™ Powered Rocket Systems contains two blue rockets with yellow foam tips and are recommended for children 8 years of age and older. "ESTES AIR" is printed in black and white lettering in a 6-inch wide yellow oval on the front of the pump. Underneath the pump appear the words, "Made in China." Department stores nationwide, including Wal-Mart, Toys R Us and Zany Brainy, as well as e-businesses, catalogers and hobby shops sold these rockets from February 2001 through February 2002 for between \$20 and \$40. Rocket pumps that have a label that reads, "WARNING: Stay away from rocket when pumping and launching" are not included in this recall.

**Problem:** The rockets' foam tips can break off exposing sharp edges that can cause face lacerations or eye injuries to consumers. The rocket systems also have weak pump handles that can break during use, posing a risk of hand lacerations to consumers.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the air rockets immediately and call Estes Industries toll free at (800) 576-5811 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MT for information on how to get a replacement rocket. For more information, consumers can log on to the company's website at [www.estesrockets.com](http://www.estesrockets.com).



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02142.html>

**Release Number:** 02-143 Brunswick Corp., of Lake Forest, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 103,000 Mongoose and Roadmaster mountain bicycles with Ballistic 105 front suspension forks. By Us International Co. Ltd., of Taiwan, the manufacturer of the bicycle forks, previously announced the recall of 13,500 of these forks in May 2000. The recall was expanded to about 40,000 forks in February 2001. By Us International is no longer cooperating with the recall. Brunswick Corp. is expanding the recall to include all Ballistic model 105 forks sold on the Mongoose and Roadmaster mountain bicycles they manufactured (except the Mongoose A40). The previous recalls were limited to forks with certain serial numbers. The recall includes only Ballistic 105 forks installed on Mongoose and Roadmaster model bicycles manufactured by Brunswick Corp. The forks on these bikes are black with decals that read "BALLISTIC" and "105" on the sides of the suspension fork legs. A small label on the bottom of the bicycle reads "Brunswick." The forks on the Mongoose A40 model bicycles and forks on bicycles not manufactured by Brunswick Corp. are not included in the recall. Discount department stores and toy stores nationwide sold the bicycles with these forks from June 1998 through December 2000 for between \$125 and \$150. Additionally, consumers could have received a Ballistic model 105 fork as a replacements when participating in one of the previous recalls.

**Problem:** The forks on these bicycles can break apart, causing riders to lose control, fall and suffer serious injury.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using these bicycles and call the firm to obtain information on receiving a \$65 refund for the bicycle fork. This applies to all owners of bicycles with Ballistic model 105 forks manufactured by Brunswick (except the Mongoose A40), even if they received a new Ballistic model 105 fork as a result of a participating in a previous recall. For more information, consumers should call Brunswick Corp. at (800) 508-2762 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the recall web site at [www.ballisticforkrecall.com](http://www.ballisticforkrecall.com).



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02143.html>

**Release Number:** 02-148 InSTEP LLC, of Mendota Heights, Minn., is voluntarily recalling about 4,300 Hitchhiker III Trailer Bikes. The recalled Hitchhiker III trailer bikes are attached to a lead bicycle by a universal joint system with two side bolts and a top-mounted quick-release bolt (as seen in the photo below). The recalled NH300 model trailer bikes have the words "HITCHHIKER III" printed in red on the trailer arm and the "InSTEP" logo printed on the bottom tube and the safety flag. Retail stores nationwide, including Toys "R" Us, The Sports Authority and One Step Ahead, sold the bikes from February 2001 through May 2001 for between \$80 and \$110.

**Problem:** The bike's universal joint system can fail, causing a rider to lose control of the bike. This poses a risk of injury to either of the two riders.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these trailer bikes immediately and contact InSTEP at (800) 242-6110 between 8 a.m. and 5

p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or by e-mail at [info@instep.net](mailto:info@instep.net), for a free repair kit with instructions. For more information, consumers can log on to the company's website at [www.instep.net](http://www.instep.net).



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02148.html>

**Release Number:** 02-149 Vermont Precision

Woodworks, of Morrisville, Vt., is voluntarily recalling about 990 cribs. The recalled cribs include models, 7010Alpine, 7020 Caspian, 7030 Coventry, 7040 Dunmore and 7070 Haystack. The full-size cribs are solid maple and are available in five finishes, natural, colonial, white, cherry, and cinnamon. A label on the bottom of the cribs reads, "Vermont Precision Woodworks." The manufacturing date and model name is also printed on the label. The cribs were made in the USA. Juvenile product and furniture stores sold the cribs nationwide from January 2000 through March 2002 for between \$500 and \$800.

**Problem:** The slats on the cribs can loosen and detach from the drop side rail, creating a large opening between the slats where a child's head or neck could become entrapped, resulting in serious injury or death.

**Note:** The ASTM voluntary standard for full-size baby cribs includes tests for structural integrity of crib components. CPSC staff found that the recalled side rails failed the ASTM voluntary standard test. Vermont Woodworks revised the assembly procedure for the replacement rails to comply with the ASTM standard.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using these recalled cribs until the repair has been performed. Vermont Precision

Woodworks is providing consumers with replacement drop side rails. Consumers can contact Vermont Precision Woodworks toll-free at (866) 869-7974 anytime.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02149.html>

If you would like to sign up for the Keep Your Kids Safe newsletter, please visit our webpage at <http://datcp.state.wi.us> or contact Michelle Reinen at (608) 224-4988 or [michelle.reinen@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:michelle.reinen@datcp.state.wi.us). Please be sure to provide your name, telephone number and e-mail address.

If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

WI Bureau of Consumer Protection,  
Regulation & Safety Section  
1-800-422-7128 (toll free in Wisconsin)  
or (608) 224-4988